

91st Cyber Brigade breaks ground on new HQ

Senior leadership of the Virginia National Guard, 91st Cyber Brigade and Fort Belvoir broke ground on a new headquarters facility for the 91st Cyber Brigade Nov. 16, 2018, at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

"The fact we're here today is a testament to the hard work and the nation's requirements that dictate what we're trying to do," said Maj. Gen. Timothy P Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia. "It was a very short four years ago that we launched into this thing called 'cyber.' Not only did we grow this brigade and the subordinate battalions but then the hard work of the staff to start working on the facility."

The new readiness center will be a 41,162 square foot facility that will serve as an administration and operations building, and construction is expected to be complete in August 2020.

"Today, we formally start this building for the 91st Cyber Brigade," said Col. Adam Volant, the brigade commander. "This recognized previous work to build the formation itself - the Soldiers, the equipment, the training, the readiness, and the actual capabilities that we bring to the warfighter."

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Virginia National Guard News Headlines

Virginia Soldiers train and test on new Army Combat Fitness Test

The new Army Combat Fitness Test has made its way to the Virginia National Guard. Approximately 25 Virginia Soldiers came together for a multi-day training event conducted by a mobile training team from the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School and held Nov. 6-8, 2018, at Fort Pickett, Virginia.

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VDF conducts point of distribution exercise

Members of the Virginia Defense Force conducted a point of distribution exercise Nov. 3, 2018, in Blackstone and Crewe, Virginia, during a multi-day training assembly based at Fort Pickett.

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192nd Medical Group Airmen train for CERFP mission

The 192nd Medical Group, Detachment 1, performed readiness training and urban search and rescue training Nov. 1-2, 2018, in Sandston, Virginia, and in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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Current, former members of the 116th gather at annual Regimental Muster

Veterans of the 116th Infantry Regiment and Soldiers of the Virginia National Guard's Staunton-based 116th Infantry Brigade Combat Team gathered at the 51st annual Regimental Muster Nov. 10, 2018, in Staunton, Virginia.

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Ceremony marks start of 529th CSSB federal duty

Hundreds of friends, family members and fellow Soldiers gathered in Virginia Beach to say farewell to a group of Virginia National Guard Soldiers as they began federal active duty Nov. 25, 2018.

The group of approximately 70 Soldiers assigned to the Virginia Beach-based 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 329th Regional Support Group are deploying to the Middle East for about 10 months in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, where they will conduct planning and logistics for U.S. and coalition forces in the Central Command area.

During the ceremony, both state and National Guard leadership addressed the deploying Soldiers and their families, touching on both the unit's readiness and the importance of family support.

"Team 529: I'm supremely confident in you, your training and your abilities," said Maj. Gen. Timothy P. Williams, the Adjutant General of Virginia. "For those who have been there before, take the lead. Look out for your fellow Soldiers. Be the leader. Do great things."

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam spoke to the training the 529th has undergone as a vital component of its readiness.

"A lot of what you have done prior to today is in preparation, and I don't think there's any better training than you all have had and have been exposed to right here in the Commonwealth of Virginia," said Northam. "The preparation is of utmost importance and I know you all are ready and willing to serve your country."

All of the ceremony's featured speakers addressed the families of the Soldiers. Commander of the 529th, Lt. Col. Dennis Rohler, thanked state leadership for the family support while his unit is executing their overseas mission.

"Thank you for what you will do for our families while we are gone," said Rohler. "We are able to deploy forward-focused on the mission because we know that in the Commonwealth there is actual, true care for our families while we're gone. I appreciate that very much. It gives you an incredible amount of confidence to go forward and execute the mission when you know your families are being taken care of back home."

Northam, who served in the United States Army as a physician, thanked the families in attendance, calling attention to their service while their loved ones are deployed.

"None of you, none of us, could do what we do, could not fulfill our mission if it wasn't for our family and friends," said Northam. "You are the backbone of this entire operation. You're the ones that stay home and make sure that the children get to school. You're the ones that make sure the bills are paid."

Rohler echoed the governor's sentiments.

"All of the leadership on this team understands that you are entrusting us with your most valuable possession: Your sons, your daughters, husbands, wives, cousins, aunts, uncles, and we have not taken that lightly," said Rohler.

"I want the families to know that we are trained," he said. "We are prepared. We have spent time together over these last couple of weeks sharpening our soldier skills as well as our sustainment



Soldiers assigned to the 529th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion officially begin federal active duty with a departure ceremony held Nov. 25, 2018, in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

skills. This is the tightest organization I have ever seen leave the Commonwealth for a deployment. I'm very proud of every single one of them. We've got this."

Rohler also took a moment to thank the legacy members of the 529th who set bar of excellence for the unit during previous deployments.

"This is our third mobilization within nine years. We have done an incredible job in the past," said Rohler. "What we want to let you know is we are going to continue your legacy of excellence. We will not let you down."

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